

# ELA Test-Taking Steps to Success



<p>1. Before reading: What kind of writing is it?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Story: Fiction</li> <li>• Passage/Article: Informational</li> <li>• Poem</li> </ul>
<p>2. What do you have to look for? Fiction</p>	<p>Character, setting, problem/solution, feelings, change, lesson learned</p>
<p>3. What do you have to look for? Informational</p>	<p>Main idea, text features, important events, definitions, examples, connections between ideas</p>
<p>4. First read - Get the gist</p> <p>Second read - Annotate, look for answers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Underline key details</li> <li>• Take notes on what you are finding out</li> <li>• Highlight text evidence that you will use to answer questions</li> </ul>
<p>5. Mark up the questions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BOX key words in the questions</li> <li>• BOX the paragraph in the text</li> <li>• Rewrite the question in your own words</li> </ul>
<p>6. Multiple Choice Strategies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eliminate wrong answers</li> <li>• Identify the distractor</li> <li>• Match key words from Q to A</li> <li>• Use F.U.N. strategy to mark where you found your answers (Q1, Q2, Q3)</li> </ul>
<p>7. RACCE or RACECE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☑ Restate the question</li> <li>☑ Answer the question</li> <li>☑ Cite 2 details</li> <li>☑ Explain what the evidence tells you</li> </ul>